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# News & Views

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## Professional and classified staffers honored by UMB

Citing "a new maturity at UMass/Boston" Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan honored 77 employees on the professional and classified staffs at functions held at the Faculty Club, Healey Library.

Chancellor's Medals for meritorious service were presented to D. Leo Monahan, Director of Public Information, and to two women credited with saving the life of Construction Supervisor Paul Quinton, nurse/practitioner Constance (Connie) Holsberg and Carolyn Sygiel, Campus Police. (Story, photo, Page 2).

Chancellor Corrigan noted in his address that, while new, UMass/Boston soon will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

A goodly portion of the honorees came from Boston State College in the merger. In fact, a Boston State product, Edward Zaleskas of Admissions was the oldest Professional Staff member in point of service, tracing to 1961.

Lucille Kallman, Cooperative Education, was the oldest in service among the Classified Staff, tracing to 1958.

Each honored staff member was presented a plaque and a small, plastic-enclosed clock. (List of honorees, Page 2).

## Briefly...

Professor James F. Ward discloses that the deadline for 1987 Harry S. Truman Scholarships is Dec. 1, 1986. UMass/Boston can nominate three students for an award that covers expenses up to \$6500 for the junior and senior year and two years of graduate study.

A total of 105 scholarships will be awarded nationally. UMass/Boston has had good success in previous years.

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## Federal grant to fund expansion of graduate programs at UMass/Boston

A \$500,000 dollar grant has been awarded to UMass/Boston by the U.S. Department of Education.

The funds, started October 1, will be spread over a 36-month period. They are from the Title III Institutional Aid Program of the Department of Education and are targeted by UMass/Boston for four graduate and one undergraduate program.

"This prestigious and coveted Title III grant is designed to support developing institutions in higher education. Awards are for new or developing programs rather than operation activities", says Dr. Fuad Safwat, Dean of Graduate Studies and coordinator of the grant. Dr. James Brennan, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies will administer the grant.

The \$185,000 first installment will go to immediately implement graduate programs in Applied Sociology (College of Arts and Sciences), Business Administration (College of Management), Human Services (College of Public and Community Service) and Instructional Design (Institute for Learning and Teaching).

On the undergraduate level, funds are earmarked for certificate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences in areas of Law and Justice, Communication and Health Care Studies.

The theme of UMass/Boston's proposal focused on establishing relationships between faculty and students with practitioners outside of the academic institution and in the workplace.

Although the academic year has started and faculty members have their assignments, Dr. Safwat says the university will implement immediately proposal activities. These are:

- *In Sociology*—Strengthening internships. Program will help faculty know more about what goes on in the workplace, etc. Faculty will be given release time to work with practitioners in various fields.



Dean Fuad Safwat

- *In Management*—Incorporate communication skills, cognitive and written, as part of each course.

- *In Human Services*—Define nature of mentor role and train 30-35% of CPCS faculty to serve as mentors; define nature of the faculty's role in the using of the worksite as a learning resource; train 20-25% of the CPCS faculty as field liaison between the worksite, students and academia.

- *In Instructional Design*—The faculty will develop familiarity with business and industrial training programs and methods to consider developing new academic curriculums to better prepare students for the needs of business and industry.

"The Title III grant also provides for establishing a lab with equipment to aid in this program," said Safwat.

At the undergraduate level, grant funds will establish a visiting practitioners program to bring together faculty, practitioners and students. Practitioners will conduct courses for students and seminars for faculty.

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Dean Douglas Hartnagel of Enrollment Services addresses scholarship winners at recent dinner hosted by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan in Healey Library. (Story, Page 4).



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## UMB staffers awarded Chancellor's Medal for heroic life-saving effort



Connie Holsberg and Carolyn Sygiel

For Connie Holsberg of Randolph and Carolyn Sygiel of Dorchester the day started just as any other at UMass/Boston's Harbor Campus. Little did they know before the day was over, they'd be heroines for saving a man's life.

Holsberg is a family nurse practitioner and assistant coordinator of nurses and general medicine at UMass/Boston. Sygiel is a member of the Campus Police.

Holsberg, sipping tea as the day neared its end, got a call from the Department of Public Safety Office in the garage. Paul Quinton, of Weymouth, construction supervisor for the University, felt sick after a rousing squash game with Herb Cohen. Quinton had no history of previous cardiac complications.

"I felt strange, sick. I know if I tried to go home to my local hospital, I wouldn't make it. And probably hurt some innocent person," recalls Quinton.

Holsberg found Quinton pale, sweating and complaining of chest pains. While Holsberg took his blood pressure, Quinton went into cardiac arrest. His heart stopped.

"He died," said Holsberg, who has been at UMass since 1978. She pulled Quinton off the bench, stretched him on the floor and began applying CPR.

"Out of nowhere, Carolyn Sygiel, of the Campus Police, jumped in to help," Holsberg recalled.

Sygiel was in the campus cruiser when ordered to return to the police facility. A UMass/Boston police officer for a year and a half, Sygiel is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). She is a volunteer with the Boston Ambulance Squad, which provides EMT services throughout the city.

"I graduated from EMT school six years

ago. It wasn't easy landing an EMT job," said Sygiel. She earned valuable experience with the Volunteer Squad.

"When Mr. Quinton arrested, Connie started CPR and asked for help. I did what I'm trained to do," shrugs Sygiel, modestly.

As Holsberg breathed into Quinton's mouth to encourage his breathing, Sygiel compressed his chest in sync with Holsberg. The women continued CPR until Quinton resumed breathing. Two trained people giving CPR is easier and more effective, according to Holsberg.

"I got a pulse, then lost it. We started CPR again," said Holsberg.

By the time the ambulance with the EMT's arrived, the women had Quinton breathing. Enroute to the hospital, the EMT's used electric paddles to keep Quinton's heart beating.

When their adrenalin resumed pumping normally, Holsberg and Sygiel realized they'd saved a man's life. Sygiel advocates everyone taking CPR and medical emergency training.

"Those few minutes before the ambulance arrives makes the difference between life and death," she says.

Says Quinton, still recuperating at his Weymouth home, "How do you thank two women for saving your life? If it wasn't for Connie and Carolyn, I wouldn't be here."

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## UMB Staff Honorees

### Professional Staff

1961: Edward Zaleskas, Admissions.

1962: William P. Quinn, Healey Library; Robert Sullivan, Physical Plant.

1965: F. Donald Costello, CAS Academic Support.

1966: Paul F. Finnegan, Athletics; Elizabeth Joyce, Personnel; Judith Roberts, CAS Dean's Office; Maria-Luisa Roberts, Continuing Education.

1967: Mary Barrett, Athletics; Alyce M. Curran, Healey Library; Eleanor J. Riordan, Healey Library; D. Richard Simmons, Procurement; Wesley N. Tiffney, Jr., Nantucket Field Station; Mary Winslow, Career Services.

1968: Andrew Castiglione, Healey Library; Robert J. Gorman, Physical Plant; A. Collins, Jenko, Continuing Education; Dennis Loughlin, Controller's Office; Molly Mattson, Healey Library; Joan O'Brien, Provost's Office.

1969: Rebecca A. Breedlove, Healey Library; Panit Satyasai, Healey Library.

1970: Ethel Conaxis, Nursing; Byron Drinkwater, Controller's Office; Robert Dwyer, Communications Center; Gabriel Grasberg, Healey Library; Anthony Marcinkiewicz, Computer Science; Andrea Schein, Disabled Student Center.

1971: Susan Bigger, Art; David Cesario, Registration/Records; Lucia David, ILT; Bette Kay Davis, International Exchange; Floyd Fowler, Center for Survey Research; Michael W. Larson, Biology; Emily Meyer, CAS Academic Support; Forrest Speck, Auxiliary Services; Peter Tofuri, Computer Services.

### Classified Staff

1958: Lucille Kallman, Cooperative Education.

1964: Helen Owens, Biology; Arthur White, Chemistry.

1965: Martin Coyne, Jr., Physical Plant.

1966: Kathleen Beauchamp, Auxiliary Services; Thomas Curran, Auxiliary Services; Kathleen Gorman, Math.

1967: Vendela Carson, Philosophy; Ronald Gerring, Bursar's Office; Ann Fay, Admissions; Helen Helley, Computer Services; Charles Ohrenberger, Physical Plant; Roberta Pichulo, ILT; Marguerite Thompson, Physical Education; Janice Underwood, Environmental Sciences.

1968: Dorothy Hall, CPCS Dean's Office; Jean MacGowan-Berman, Music; John Robinson, Media Services; Mary Thornton, American Civilization; Alice Wagner, Auxiliary Services.

1969: Mary Brennan, Geography-Earth Sciences; Carol Chin, Registration/Records; Jane Cummings, Bursar's Office.

1970: Edward Barry, Athletics; John Carlow, Healey Library; Robert Curtis, Physical Plant; Lucinda Kelley, Controller's Office; Richard Mahoney, Auxiliary Services; Gertrude McGrath, Chemistry.

1971: Edward Brannen, Auxiliary Services; Paul Connor, Physical Plant; Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Continuing Education; Marie Miano, Bursar's Office; Joan Reynolds, Continuing Education; Ralph Riley, Geography-Earth Sciences; Mary Roberge; CPCS General Center; Marian Sealey, Physical Education.

### Chancellor's Medal

D. Leo Monahan, Director, Public Information; Constance (Connie) Holsberg, Nurse-Practitioner; Carolyn Siegel, Campus Police



## Federal grant bolsters graduate programs

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"The grant brings together all the major units within the university," says Safwat.

In the fifth semester of the grant, UMass/Boston will hold a conference focusing on the Title III activities to share the information and experiences of the program not only with UMass/Boston faculty, but also staff from other colleges and universities.

"We will publish a report of our programs," said Safwat.

He points out that UMass/Boston previously benefited from Title III grants through an award to Boston State College prior to the merger of the institutions in 1982. Those funds were used to develop a computer literacy program for faculty and staff.

Other programs included setting up advisory boards between university programs and industry; and bringing together high school and university instructors to study teaching methods.

## O'Connor named Facilities Director



Peter O'Connor of Cohasset has been named Director of Facilities Management at UMass/Boston.

O'Connor, a registered professional engineer, came to the University after service as group manager, Arabian Bechtel Co., Saudi Arabia.

He has served with Digital Equipment Corp. and was Senior Project Engineer, Gilbane Building Company, Boston.

He also was associated with numerous U.S. Navy operations, among them in Davisville, R.I., Okinawa, Washington, D.C., Republic of Vietnam and New London, CT.

O'Connor received a BS in Civil Engineering from University of Notre Dame, 1958, and a Masters in Public Administration, Harvard University, 1979.

## Scholarship winners honored at UMass/Boston dinner



Bulger Scholarship winner Gail Hunt of Boston is flanked by her mother and Senate President William M. Bulger at dinner hosted by, left, Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan in the Faculty Club.

Winners of the Chancellor's Scholarship for Excellence, the Foster Furcolo Scholarships from community colleges and other awards were feted at a dinner hosted by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan in the Faculty Club.

Dean Douglas Hartnagel of Enrollment Services served as Master of Ceremonies for the affair which featured an appearance by Senate President William M. Bulger of South Boston, who presented the annual Bulger Scholarship to Gail Hunt of Codman Square, Dorchester, a product of West Roxbury High School.

Ms. Hunt ranked 14 out of 250 students and took advanced courses in many subjects. She has been in honors programs for six years.

Also presented were the United Liquors/Adolph Coors Veterans Scholarships to Daniel Salas of Boston, a graduate of Copley Square High School, and Lori Ann Brainard of Somerville High School.

The Foster Furcolo Scholarships are

named in honor of the former Governor who is known as "The Father of Community Colleges" in the Commonwealth. These scholarships drew winners from Cape Cod Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, Mass. Bay Community College, Middlesex and Massasoit Community Colleges and others around the state.

University Community Scholarships for Adult Learners, sponsored by faculty and staff at UMass/Boston were awarded to Jean Sullivan of Malden and to Betty Washington of Dorchester, mother of 12 children.

One of the more intrepid scholarship winners was Margaret Smith of Dorchester, a product of Msgr. Ryan Memorial High School. She passed up a night's work at Fenway Park with the Red Sox in the playoffs to attend the dinner with her parents and nuns from the school.

Parents, relatives, friends and high school advisors were on hand for the annual affair, a highlight of the early academic year.

## Dr. Theresa Mortimer appointed Associate Provost for Continuing Ed.

Dr. Theresa A. Mortimer of Lexington has been appointed Associate Provost for Continuing Education and Extended Day at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Robert A. Greene, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Dr. Mortimer succeeds Dr. Edward Traverso, who has retired.

"Dr. Mortimer brings substantial administrative experience to her new position," said Dr. Greene.

She administered 14 undergraduate and graduate programs assumed by UMass/Boston when it merged with Boston State College in January, 1982. These included Nursing, Education, Medical Technology and Physical Education.

In her new role, she will oversee the summer sessions, satellite campuses, non-credit programs and teleconferences.

Dr. Mortimer, a graduate of Emmanuel College, obtained her M.A. in Spanish



literature at Emmanuel's program at the University of Madrid, Spain. She received her Ph.D. from Boston College.



## Briefly . . .

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Dr. Frances Daly Fergusson, who taught at UMass/Boston and served in Chancellor Corrigan's office, was installed as the ninth president of Vassar College in colorful ceremonies at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Delegates from the Colleges, Universities and Learned and Professional Societies came from as far as the University of Glasgow, established in 1451, and the Pontifical Gregorian University (1556) as well as Harvard University (1636) and other long-established academic communities.

UMass/Boston was represented by Dr. Fuad Safwat, Dean of the Graduate School.

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Newly-appointed Boyden Professor of Political Science Barry Bluestone has organized and directed the Boyden Faculty Seminar in Public Policy.

Dr. Bluestone invites all interested UMass/Boston faculty members to join and to explore the feasibility of developing a Ph.D. program in Applied Public Policy. The Boyden Faculty Seminar will meet twice monthly.

Interested parties can contact the McCormack Institute, 7275, or Prof. Bluestone, 7350.

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Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan and UMass/Boston alumnus Georgette Watson, Class of 1979, were honored at a recent banquet given by ABCD, which annually recognizes outstanding men and women who have improved the quality of life for disadvantaged Bostonians.

Ms. Watson is a community activist perhaps best known as co-founder and Executive Director of Drop-A-Dime/Report Crime. She's a CPCS graduate.

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Laurel E. Radwin, R.N. of the School of Nursing was awarded the 1986 District V Excellence in Nursing Award at the annual meeting. The award recognizes outstanding creative endeavor. Ms. Radwin is a Cambridge resident.

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Please note: Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 30, 1987.

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Dr. William A. Edwards, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Black Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara, is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the William Monroe Trotter Institute at UMass/Boston during the 1986-87 academic year.

Dr. Edwards, who is an expert on Marcus Garvey and black social movements, will be working on a book on Marcus Garvey and teaching a course in the Department of Black Studies, said Director Dr. Wornie L. Reed.

## UMB to offer educational assistance to Boston Police recruits



Vice-Chancellor Charles Desmond (center) is flanked by Boston Police Commissioner Francis M. Roache (left) and Mayor Raymond L. Flynn (right) at announcement of cooperation plan.

UMass/Boston will help tutor and assist Boston Police Academy recruits in a bid to reduce the dropout rate of new candidates. Mayor Raymond L. Flynn and Police Commissioner Francis M. Roache made the announcement in concert with Vice Chancellor Charles Desmond and Northeastern University officials, who also are participating.

UMass/Boston programs to be extended to the Boston Police Department include the Access Program and the Continuing Education Program.

More than half the minorities in the current class at the Boston Police Academy have either resigned or been dismissed, most for academic failure. Fourteen of the record-number 25 recruits who were dismissed for academic failure already are enrolled in a remedial reading and writing program at UMass/Boston.

"This new cooperative effort should improve the skills of Boston police officers," said Mayor Flynn. "We want an enlightened, educated police department. I applaud the effort of UMass/Boston and Northeastern University."

"The programs offered are innovative and creative," said Commissioner Roache.

UMass/Boston has a long history of serving the City of Boston and the Greater Boston area. The University, established in 1963, has sponsored a number of programs designed specifically to help prepare inner-city students for post-secondary education, including such programs as Urban Scholars and Another Course to College.

Northeastern's involvement will come largely through its College of Criminal Justice and Academic Assistance Center.

## Carole Hughes named Operations Manager for Student Activities

Carole Hughes of Jamaica Plain, has been named Assistant Director of Student Activities/Operations Manager at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Clare Joyce Donahue, Dean of Students.

A 1983 graduate of UMB's College of Management, Ms. Hughes returned to the Harbor Campus from Boston University. She earned a Masters of Education degree from BU and did extensive work in the field of student development.

A graduate of Mount Saint Joseph's Academy, Ms. Hughes was active in UMB's student activities for three years and served as chairperson the 1982-83 academic year. She was presented the Dean's Award for Service in 1983.

